



UKIAH VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Regular Meeting

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chamber
501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 95482

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86074412428>

Ukiah, CA 95482
June 11, 2026
1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGS/GSA) met at a Regular Meeting on June 11, 2026, having been legally noticed on June 4, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86074412428>. Chair Cline called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Directors Present:** Adam Gaska, Ag Representative, John Bailey, Russian River Flood Control (RRFC) District; Douglas F. Crane, City of Ukiah; and Madeline Cline, County of Mendocino. **Director Absent:** Eddie Nevarez, Tribal Representative. **Staff Present:** Maya Simerson, Acting General Manager and Kristine Lawler, Clerk. **Also Present:** Jonathan Weldon, Legal Counsel - Kronick Moskovitz Tiedmann & Girard (KMTG).

CHAIR CLINE PRESIDING.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Presenter: Chair Cline.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Bailey to approve the agenda. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Gaska, Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Nevarez. ABSTAIN: None.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were received.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

a. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 20256 - 2027 Operating Budget of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGS/GSA).

Presenter: Maya Simerson, General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Bailey to approve of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 operating budget of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Gaska, Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Nevarez. ABSTAIN: None.

b. Review and Discuss Updating the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Governing Documents per the Stantec Technical Memo Relating to Governing Document Amendments and per Recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee, and Make Any Associated Recommendations to Staff.

Presenter: Maya Simerson, General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Board Consensus to direct Staff to complete final drafts, in coordination with legal services, incorporating targeted amendments and direction given to Staff in regard to the Bylaws, JPA, and TAC MOU, for Board adoption at a future board meeting

c. Receive Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2027 Periodic Evaluation.

Presenter: Audra Bardsley, Larry Walker Associates.

No public comment was received.

A PowerPoint presentation was given and an update was received.

d. Receive Update on the Upper Russian River Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) and Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Study.

Presenter: Audra Bardsley, Larry Walker Associates.

No public comment was received.

A PowerPoint presentation was given and an update was received.

e. Consideration of a Groundwater Sustainability Fee Appeal Submitted by Fred Sagehorn & Son, Inc.

Presenter: Maya Simerson, General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Board Consensus to direct Staff to seek further clarity about the acreage that is within the basin and coordinate with the Chair and Vice Chair to determine how to pursue a response to the appellant; and to review the basin boundaries of the GIS layer to determine if there are any issues that need to be addressed.

f. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution and Corresponding Policy Electing to Participate in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA), and Consolidate with the City of Ukiah to Maintain the Required List of Registered Contractors.

Presenters: Maya Simerson, General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Crane/Gaska to adopt Resolution (UVBGSA Reso 2026-01) and Corresponding Policy (UVBGSA Policy 26-001) Electing to Participate in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) and Consolidate with the City of Ukiah to Maintain the Required List of Registered Contractors. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Gaska, Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Nevarez. ABSTAIN: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of the Minutes for the March 12, 2026, UVBGSA Regular Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes for the March 12, 2026, UVBGSA Regular Meeting.

b. Consideration of Authorization of the General Manager to Execute Vendor Agreements/Amendments with Existing Contractors; California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI), and Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard (KTMG) Through June 2027, and for Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) Through June 2028, all with Minor Changes to Scope and/or Compensation.

Recommended Action: Authorize the General Manager, in collaboration with legal counsel and the GSA Board Chair, to execute agreements/amendments with the existing Contractors: California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI)(UVBGSA 2526-005), and Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard (KTMG)(UVBGSA 2223-001-A3) Through June 2027, and for Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)(UVBGSA 2526-007) Through June 2028, all with Minor Changes to Scope and/or Compensation.

Clerk Note: In respect to Agenda Item 5c and 5d, an incorrect contract database was inadvertently used to identify agreements for publication. The incorrect numbers have been crossed out and the correct numbers placed afterwards.

c. Consideration Amendment No. 5 to Professional Services Agreement with West Yost (~~Agreement No. 23-04~~) for Term Extension.

Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 5 to ~~Agreement No. 23-04~~ UVBGSA No. 2122-001 with West Yost (UVBGSA 2122-001-A5) extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2026, with no change to the total compensation amount, and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

d. Consideration Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (~~Agreement No. 26-05~~) for Term Extension.

Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to ~~Agreement No. 26-05~~ UVBGSA No. 2526-004 with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District MCRCD (UVBGSA 2526-004-A1) extending the term of the agreement through April 30, 2028, with no change to the total compensation amount, and authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

e. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Administrative Services Agreement with the City of Ukiah to Clarify Procedures and Update the General Manager Information.

Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 (UVBGSA 2526-001-A1) to the Administrative Services Agreement with the City of Ukiah and authorize the Board Chair to execute the amendment.

f. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Setting Groundwater Sustainability Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution (UVBGSA Reso 2026-02) setting Groundwater Sustainability Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and authorizing implementation of the fee collection process.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Gaska/Bailey to approve the Consent Calendar item 5a-f, as submitted. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Gaska, Bailey, Crane, and Cline. NOES: None. ABSENT: Nevarez. ABSTAN: None.

6. STAFF AND PARTNER UPDATES

a. Updates from General Manager.

Presenter: Maya Simerson, General Manager.

No public comment was received.

Updates were received.

Board Directive to Staff to seek reimbursement from the Prop 4 funds for the Periodic Evaluation and the Community Engagement including the Fact Finder tool.

b. Updates from GSA Legal Counsel.

Presenter: Jonathan Weldon, Legal Counsel – Kronick Moskowitz Tiedmann & Girard (KMTG).

No public comment was received.

Updates were received.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Discussion and Consideration of Future Agenda Items and Scheduling of Next Meeting Date with Meeting to be Held at the County of Mendocino, Board of Supervisors Chamber, 501 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah, CA 95482, at 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Chair Cline

Board Consensus to hold the next regular meeting on the scheduled date of August 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the County offices, with a Special Joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on July 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to be held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, located at 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA, 95482.

Public Comment: Dominic Blum-Gutierrez, Department of Water Resources (*addressing general items*).

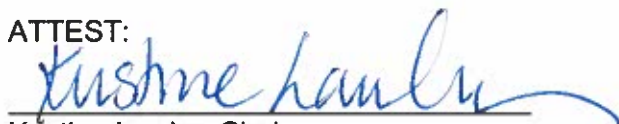
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



Madeline Cline, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, Clerk